The Quadruple Bank Robberies

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la'e stolen from his daughter. He sends for the young detective, telis him to discard the anarchist theory and solve the mystery. Jarvis takes up his residence in the Heath home and falls in love with the daughter. Miss Alice Heath, the daughter, asks him to find out something about Dawson Vanderdam, a rich young man, whom Jarvis knows to be a dissipated crook, but, fearing that the young woman is in love with the man, Jarvis refuses to tell what he knows about him. Jarvis hears that Howard Heath, the banker's son, is an assistant Federal back examiner, and that he has worked it all the wrecked banks before the explosions. He goes to Washington and finds young Heath in association with Vanderdam and his friends and spending much money.

He goes to Baltimore, and while there another explosion occurs. Jarvis is first on the scene, and finds a mysterious telegram, which states that "Walter is dead and will be buried at 1 o'clock." One o'clock was the time of the explosion. The telegram was sent from Washington, and Jarvis hastens back to that city to find the sender. He gets a description of him, and on the street encounters young Heath had Randolph, the bank examiner. Heath has a suit case and is about to board a train. Jarvis follows.

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smoking car and Jarvis dropped next victim % into the nearest vacant seat behind the son of his employer. But the youth did not seem inclined to do anything of interest on the train. bank runs had not begun until noon of He sat with wide, staring eyes, gazing very litle before. out at the landscape, his weak face drawn and haggard.

Jarvis allowed himself to take time He felt that his trip to Washington

to its source.

This, he doubted, however. No one had been able to help in telling where the message from Baltimore to Philadelphia had come from. It was quite likely that the sender had been equally careful at Washington.

But he had so fixed things now, that it was hardly possible to arrange for any more bank explosions. As soon as he reached Philadelphia, he would warn the police to look out for a doubled or tripled message of the sort he had twice seen in connection with the explosions.

After that it would be next to impossible for the leader of the crooks, whoever he might be, to get word to his accomplices in the other cities. And there would be some chance of finding out whence the messages came with officers of the law at the telegraph stations to make instant inquiry of telephone centrals the moment such a telegram was ordered sent.

So much information and direction Jarvis could give to the police. He even dreaded the possible results of this.

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THE DIRECTORS' MEETING. TARVIS immediately decided that he had better go and see his employer before doing anything else. He had not thought of real panic in connection with the bank robberles before. Now he wondered why t had not happened earlier.

He bought an evening paper with a view to finding out just how far the runs might have progressed. He had seen no notice of them in the Baltimore papers.

He soon found the cause of the trou

ole. On the front page of the yellow sheet he had purchased was printed in OUNG Heath took his place in the big lines-"Will Philadelphia be the

He reflected that it was probable this article had been running through all the evening editions. Therefore, the

the landscape, his weak face Every bank building he passed on his way to Mr. Heath's home was partly surrounded by a line of waiting dewords of his superior. Occasionally the positors, tightly clutching their pass band on which leaned his dead twitched nervously. the man in front.

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Possibly there would be more results when the police of Washington had had time to trace the Baltimore telegram to its source.

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Jarvis, a young detective employed on the Philadelphia force, is not receiving encouragement from his superiors for his good work. One morning, a little after 2 o'clock, when he is reporting from a case there is a terrific explosion, and a national bank in the vicinity is found to be wreather to the police station and talk over the matter of the possible next.

now sought her. To do so would be to shut himself out of her heart foreyever.

At length the train reached Philadelphia. Jarvis saw Heath board a car for his home. He himself stopped to telephone to the police station and talk over the matter of the possible next batch of explosion telegrams.

Still avoiding any hint of his theory of robbery before the explosions he had no trouble in persuading them to watch all telegraph offices. Then he got aboard a car for his own home.

He felt that he needed rest. He had fixed things so that there was no possibility of pulling off another series of explosions. It was hardly likely that Howard Heath would do anything of special moment during the next twenty-four to forty-eight hours.

But the sight which he saw at the first national bank the car passed changed his mind.

It was away after banking hours. The hig doors were tightly closed and iron bars were locked across the entrance. But outside on the pavement stood a long line of waiting men and women. It reached to the nearest corner, around that and finally disappeared at the other corner a Square away.

Evidently the men and women in that line were preparing to spend the night there in the hope of being as early as possible at the window in the morning. A run on the State House National Bank had begun.

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What's to hinder them from blowing up the bank here, even if they don't get word through to the other cities? Of course, that is not the real danger. The run is the real'danger. But, if another smarl reporter sees through this little difficulty there will be nothing to hold up the people's confidence. What are we to do?"

Jarvis was doing some rapid thinking. "I think I can help a little with the police. Let me have a little money to shut up the mouths of any talkatively inclined."

"What is your plan?"

"This get the detective bureau to give out that they have positive clues as to the identity of the anarchist leader who has perpetrated these deeds, and that he can do nothing further in the line of—hold on. I can beat that. We can have another anarchist arrested. The police can give detailed accounts of his confession and announce that they hope to recover what has been stolen in a few hours."

"That will do it," one of the men cried enthusiastically. "How much will it take?"

"Give one of your trusted employes about \$3,000 and let him Interview the police commissioner and the chief of the detective bureau. I'll go along if you wish me to."

"You haven't really any hope of get-

lic, will stop this run," another man spoke up.

"But it cannot be given to the public yet." Jarvis cried in alarm. "It will put the robbers on their guard and prevent our doing anything to catch them." A third put in an objection at this point.

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"I want a word with you outside." he

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